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To: Microsoft ATR
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor does it reduce their ability to commit similar actions in the future against consumers.

The vast majority of the provisions do not appear to effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating system market. This is especially important in view of the seriousness of Microsoft's past transgressions against consumers.

Most important, the proposed settlement does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. There are no provisions that correct or redress their previous abuses. They only prohibit the future repetition of those abuses.

This, in my opinion, goes against the very foundation of law. If a person or organization is able to commit illegal acts, benefit from those acts and then receive as a "punishment" instructions that they cannot commit those acts again, they have still benefited from their illegal acts.

While the Court's desire that a settlement be reached is well-intentioned, it is wrong to reach a settlement just for settlement's sake especially if past acts are not punished.

It is my understanding that criminals must pay for their crimes. The current proposed settlement does not hold convicted criminals accountable for their actions as well as not addressing the reduction of prohibited behavior in the future.

Respectfully,
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